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## BACK IN THE HARNESS

TONOPAH emerges from its Cimmerian bath radiant with promise and as optimistic as ever it was before the lights went out. The full throated diapason of the mills awakened the sleepers of the camp yesterday morning with the crisp dawn and the slumbering camp arose to gird up its loins and resume the task of separating the precious metals from their refractory matrices by the hammering out process. There was no repining over the loss of time or the depreciation of returns, but all went back to the mines and mills with fresh courage, nothing daunted by the light tinge of adversity that came so appropriately at holiday time to prolong the joys of the Christmas celebration. This is not the place for crying over spilt milk, nor is there the slightest disposition to recriminate or indulge in what might have been, but everybody went back to the familiar grind with hearts free and bodies refreshed by the enforced abstinence from toil. The trained thews of the miners lost none of their strength by the vacation and every man applied himself to his old tasks with renewed diligence capable of making up for lost time in disengaging the precious particles of wealth from the dross of the earth and continuing the labor by adding to the volume production. With the merry chorus of early whistles the hurrying crowds of mine-workers were seen on their way climbing the hillsides and dropping down into the depths of the earth. The sun shone out with a merry twinkle and the warmth of a chinook was in the air, according fully with the light-hearted men on their way to the labor suspended by destinies over which they had no control. The gold and silver remained where work had ceased, there was no depreciation of the several properties except in the case of the few companies where pumps were submerged, but that is a matter that will be overcome in a few days. There was no material loss sustained, although the economic side presented a lessening of the monthly earning capacity that will be more than offset by the increased wage brought about by the new schedule of wages that will be emphasized when the regular monthly paychecks appear on the tenth of January with the bonus checks denoting the advance of fifty cents a day. Tonopah is on earth with undiminished earning capacity and every one will be thankful that the blizzard that cut Tonopah off from the incandescent beams did not entail any loss of life among the brave men who fought the storm king in his throneroom for a period of four days and nights that the distant mining camps might be bathed once more in the radiance of electricity. No words of praise are too strong to convey the thanks of this community to the intrepid trouble shooters who wrestled with the storm problem until they had restored the lines that bring the throbbing energy to the homes and industries of Tonopah.

## TAKING BONANZA ADVICE

THIS paper is indebted to congress for recognition of an idea mentioned in the Bonanza some three weeks ago, when it was suggested that the government should pay more attention to the construction of government paper mills than in spending the people's money in erecting a nitrogen factory involving an outlay of over \$3,000,000. The gratuitous suggestion has been received with marked favor at Washington, where the joint congress committee on printing reported in favor of building a government pulp and paper mill to assure the government a paper supply at reasonable prices. This was one sensible step in the direction of practical economy that should carry more weight than some of the other ideas formulated by pork barrel statesmen who are actuated by the solitary thought of fattening their own average and that of their constituents by securing the greatest amount of money for the smallest amount of gain. The government uses approximately 30,000,000 pounds of print paper a year, which is sufficient to absorb the output of a fifty ton mill. The report says that water power, extensive forests and mineral deposits to supply such a mill can be found on many government reservations and there is no reason why something should not be done to save the country from 30 to 50 per cent in the cost of the annual paper bill. The house committee on printing also recommended the building of a mill. Score one more for the Bonanza.

## ACTION OF THE BROTHERHOODS

THE nation is back again to the disturbing thought that a violent dislocation of business is likely to occur through the action of the four railroad brotherhoods whose cases were thought to have been disposed of before the presidential campaign entered upon the acrimonious stage. The federal courts have declared that the so-called Adamson bill, on which Wilson rode triumphantly back to the White House, is unconstitutional, and an appeal was taken to the highest court of the land, in which all questions of constitutional law are decided. Any attempt of the railroad organizations to override the authority of the supreme court will be likely to bring about its own prompt remedy and the men at the heads of the brotherhoods should pause before they decide to declare war against the recognized authority of the judicial world. With a decision hanging fire and the arguments submitted in appeal there cannot be the slightest question of responsibility. To declare a strike or to counsel a rupture at this time would call forth the full power of the federal machinery to preserve the dignity of the court. Such action would be overt defiance of the government itself and the natural alternative would be to invoke a drastic order that would place every railroad of the United States under the protection of the government. This implies a power greater and more effective than has ever been demanded for the regulation of commerce and it might hasten the day when the railroads of the country would come within the scope of government ownership.

American scientists endorse the daylight saving plan. Tonopah gave it a fair trial this week, but could not get along without candles. Sancho Panza freed his mind of a great incubus when he exclaimed: "Blessed be the man who invented sleep," but in this quarter of the globe it is day all day in the daytime, there is no night in camp.

Los Angeles, with its auto bandits and dynamite cigars, is about as exciting as a day in the trenches around Verdun without any of the glory.



Henry B. Walthall, as "Colonel Cameron" in the world's mightiest spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," A. & B. Theater, January 2 and 3

## "BIRTH OF A NATION" IS OF INTENSE INTEREST

Recent outbreaks of lawless night riders in certain districts of Kentucky, who dragged both whites and negroes out of their homes and flogged them and administered other brutal punishment to them, snacks of the old Ku Klux Klan methods that are so strikingly set forth in D. W. Griffith's photospetacular, "The Birth of a Nation."

This is the way it started, but constant success made the offenders bold and bloodthirsty, and eventually flogging and ordinary maltreatment no longer satisfied them—and then common murder and every other devilish means of outrage was resorted to.

Distance and time lend enchantment and the followers of the "In-

visible Empire" of today do not have the halo of romance about them that marked the Clansmen of the early after-the-war period, but if not promptly taken in hands they might degenerate into just such an organization.

It is also said that the present night riders effect practically the same disguise as did the Ku Klux Klan—the long, ghostly hood and shroud and the white covering for their horses.

This adds a new impetus to the doings of the original Ku Klux Klan, as depicted in "The Birth of a Nation," and will strike a note of reality to those newer generations who may regard the secret organization as somewhat of a myth.

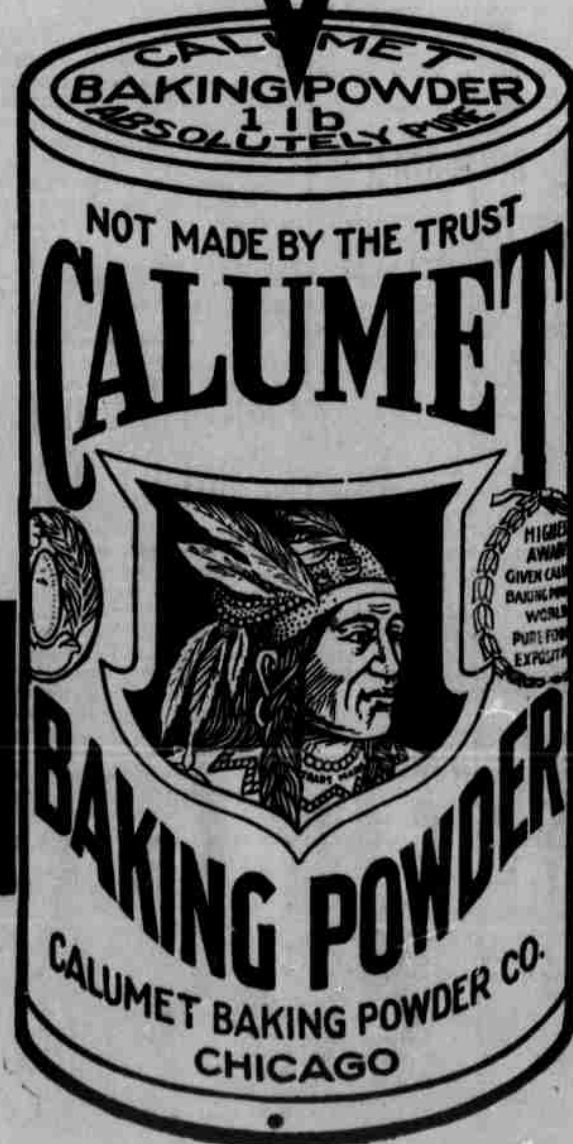
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